

for use, deposit, or transportation, he shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not more than five years, or be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars, and imprisoned in the county jail not more than one year.

Approved May 2, 1896.

CHAPTER 37.

AN ACT to enable boards of school directors to provide free text-books for pupils in the public schools. S. F. 40.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa

SECTION 1. Whenever a petition signed by one-third or more of the legal voters, to be determined by the school board of any school township or independent district, shall be filed with the secretary, thirty days or more before the annual meeting of the electors, asking that the question of providing free text-books, for the use of pupils in the public schools thereof, be submitted to the voters at the next annual meeting, he shall cause notice of such proposition to be given in the call for such meeting.

Petition by one-third the legal voters.

Free text-book proposition.

Notice to meeting.

SEC. 2. If at such meeting a majority of the legal voters present and voting by ballot thereon shall authorize the board of directors of said school township or independent district to loan text-books to the pupils free of charge, then the board shall procure such books, as shall be needed, in the manner provided by law for the purchase of text books, and loan them to the pupils.

Directors may loan text-books by direction of a majority of legal voters.

SEC. 3. The board shall hold pupils responsible for any damage to, loss of, or failure to return any such books, and shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be reasonable and necessary for the keeping and preservation thereof.

Pupils held responsible for loss or damage.

SEC. 4. Any pupil shall be allowed to purchase any text-book used in the school at cost.

Pupils allowed to purchase books at cost.

SEC. 5. No pupil already supplied with text books shall be supplied with others without charge until needed.

Pupils already supplied cannot draw new books.

SEC. 6. The electors may at any election called as herein provided direct the board to discontinue the loaning of text-books to pupils.

Board may discontinue to loan at any time.

Approved Mar. 7, 1896.

CHAPTER 38.

AN ACT to authorize kindergartens in independent school districts. H. F. 79.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the board of directors of any independent school district is hereby empowered to establish within said district, in connection with the common schools a kindergarten, or kindergartens, for the instruction of children, to be paid for in the same manner as other grades and departments.

School board empowered to establish a kindergarten. Payment for same.